

Application No. 10/826,913
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant believes that the method claims 18 - 19 of the above-identified patent application recite the same invention as do apparatus claims 1 - 17 and 20 - 21. Since the method claims recite the apparatus itself, and since the function of the apparatus is to perform the claimed method, Applicant believes that both apparatus and method for using same are integrated and should be searchable in the same classes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing argument and only if the Examiner upholds his restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1 - 17 and 20 - 21) drawn to a pad support.

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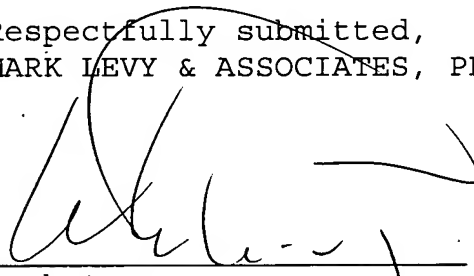
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